

# 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Reflection

In today's readings we are invited to reflect on the image of Christ – our King. This may evoke different ideas for us. For some, it reminds us of a story we read in our childhood, while for others it brings to mind their study of kings of a past historical era. The idea of a king may seem paradoxical given our society's emphasis on equality. Yet the idea of someone with the ability to rise above who can grant special favours is also a part of this idea.

Imagine a king so capable of granting gifts and requests that other kings seek him out. A king of kings ready to answer our deepest desires. While holding this image in mind, consider the words of Christ the King in the Gospel today: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Is it possible that through these words he is granting us a favour we are seeking, in the form of an answer to these deepest desires?

Today let us reflect on Christ as our king. Jesus rises above the everyday and is capable of granting us special favours – if only we have the courage to approach the throne of God and ask for what we want.

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**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15.20-26, 28  
**Gospel:** Matthew 25.31-46

ROSE 50 will lead the rosary this week.

Moved? Please keep us up to date.  
 Not registered? Please sign up.

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (In the first) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

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This day is also a feast day for Sister Halina Pierożak MChR and all the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia. On the occasion of their feast day, we thank Sister Halina for her presence among us and wish all the Sisters an abundance of God's grace as they continue to serve among us.



### Roman Triptych

Sunday, November 26 at 8 p.m.  
 – in the church –

A contemplative poetic and musical performance entitled *The Roman Triptych* by St. John Paul II, presented by Mariusz Michalak, featuring Aleksandra Krasowska (marimbist) and Zbigniew Slota (narrator). This event is free of charge, but a love offering will be taken at the end of the performance.

### Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, November 26, coffee and donuts will be served by Families of Saint John Paul II.

### Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## – SACRAMENTS –

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

**Sandra Wesolowska,**  
 daughter of Lidia and Boguslaw  
**& Matthew Horn,**  
 son of Denise and Kevin

### Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

**Liana Urszula Urac,**  
 daughter of Urszula and Tomislav  
**Maya Olivia Sromek,**  
 daughter of Pauline and Michael  
**Mylah Iris Celej,**  
 daughter of Megan and Daniel

## – COMING UP –

### Upcoming Devotions

**First Friday of the month, December 1**  
 Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.  
 Confession starts at 6 p.m.

**First Saturday of the month, December 2**  
 Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

**First Sunday of the month, December 3**  
 Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

### Meetings

#### M.A.M.I. – Friends of the Missions

Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m.  
 Mass followed by a meeting  
 in Sister Faustina Room

#### Leaders of Rosary Groups

Thursday, November 30 at 8 p.m.  
 in Brother Anthony Room

\*NEW\* **Grade 8 and 9 Students** \*NEW\*  
 Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

#### Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

#### College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Bro. Anthony Room

## – IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

✠ Kazimierz Swica, 92  
 ✠ Stanislaw Kolakowski, 85  
 ✠ Wladyslaw Mysiak, 84  
 ✠ Irena Jarosz, 80  
 ✠ Alina Kulina, 72  
 ✠ Anna Maria Maciata, 69  
 ✠ Bozena Jasinski, 68  
 ✠ Jan Krok, 65  
 ✠ Jozef Kulpa, 64  
 ✠ Boguslawa Cop, 44

## – NEXT WEEKEND –



On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, Kolbe ProLife will be distributing "Coins for Life" bottles. All change collected through this fundraiser will support mothers who turned away from abortion and their children.

### Rosary Society Oplatek

Tickets for the Rosary Society *Oplatek* will be available for purchase on Sunday, December 3 after the 8 a.m. Mass only. *Oplatek* is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2024.

The Rosary Society is looking for new parishioners willing to pray a decade of the rosary each day. If you would like to join, please contact Jan at (416) 662-8962.

### Camino de Santiago – Info Session

Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m.

– in the parish hall –

Join us for a meeting with our parishioners who have walked "The Way of St. James." Each year, pilgrims walk hundreds of kilometres along the route of Camino de Santiago to reach the grave of St. James – one of the 12 apostles – located in the Cathedral of St. James in Spain. Come, listen, and learn from fellow parishioners who will talk about routes, equipment, and training. There will also be a chance to purchase a book entitled *El Camino...33 Days* written by our parishioner.

### Aid Campaign for Madagascar

Next Sunday, December 3, Friends of the Missions are organizing an Advent aid campaign for missions in Madagascar. All donations will go towards purchasing food and medicine for the Malagasy people as well as Christmas gifts for the children.

## – IN PREPARATION – – FOR CHRISTMAS –

### Advent Retreat for Adults

Advent retreat (in Polish) will take place **December 3 – 6** and will be led by Fr. Krzysztof Machelski OMI, a Missionary from Ukraine. More information in next week's bulletin.

### Advent Retreat for Youth

Advent retreat for youth will take place each Sunday of Advent at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Polish, but the homily will be preached in English.

### Christmas Wafers – Oplatek

Blessed Christmas Wafers are available in the hallway of the church and in the parish office.

Large pack (3 wafers) – \$2.50

Small pack (4 wafers) – \$1.50

### Candles and Christmas Cards

Beautiful Christmas cards (in Polish) and decorative candles are available for purchase this Sunday in the church. All proceeds will support the Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir led by Sister Halina.

## – OTHER NEWS –

### Communion Albs

If anyone has a communion alb they would like to donate, please speak to Sister Halina.

### Do You Like to Sing?

*Agnus Dei Choir* is looking for young new members who are able to sing in Polish. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. in Brother Anthony Room.

### Parish Calendar 2024

New 2024 Parish Calendar is now available. It features beautiful pictures of various Oblate sanctuaries from around the world and includes Church feast days, solemnities, holy days of obligation, patron saints, and lots more. The calendar is available at \$5 each.

### Oblate Youth Trip

Oblate Youth is organizing a trip "In the Footsteps of St. Eugene" to Aix-en-Provence and Lourdes in France. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Fr. Marcin at [mserwin@omiap.org](mailto:mserwin@omiap.org)

### Calling Young Men

Is God calling you to follow in His footsteps? If you're a young man looking for guidance in discerning a vocation to priesthood, contact Fr. Marcin at [mserwin@omiap.org](mailto:mserwin@omiap.org)

### Need Volunteer Hours?

If you're in high school and need volunteer hours, Fr. Marcin has lots of office work that you can help with. Please contact him at [mserwin@omiap.org](mailto:mserwin@omiap.org)

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, November 27

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Franciszek Bleka and Rev. Jan Chlebek  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Elzbieta and Leon Kotowicz  
 o For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Zofia Gromek

### TUESDAY, November 28

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna and Henryk Ojdowski  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina and Franciszek Vos – daughter and family  
 o In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maxim Mieczkowski on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

8<sup>00</sup> o For God's continued blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for son Mariusz on his birthday  
 ✠ Maria and Jozef Jemiolo  
 19<sup>00</sup> o Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, November 30

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bazyl Jaganow, Alina, Henryk, Wiktor, Stanislaw Zmiejko, Janina and Bronislaw Roszkowski – children with families  
 ✠ Perents Franciszek and Zofia Ostrowski (aniv.) and Maria Mietus Ostrowska (aniv.)  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Kania and Gemza families

### FRIDAY, December 1

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Artur Ostrowski (aniv.)  
 10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Wilk, Franciszka and Mikolaj Wilk  
 19<sup>00</sup> o Father Slawomir Baranowski (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)

### SATURDAY, December 2

8<sup>00</sup> o For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
 17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bronislaw Szuber, Olga and Kazimierz Kowalcuk – family  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Leszek Milewski with family and Pawel Dworzanski

### SUNDAY, December 3

8<sup>00</sup> o For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
 9<sup>30</sup> o In thanksgiving for gifts received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit and God's blessing for David on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 11<sup>00</sup> o For Parishioners and Benefactors  
 13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bronislaw and Tomasz Bijos, Stanislaw Chlebek, souls in purgatory from the Tomaka and Bijos families  
 14<sup>30</sup> o In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Aleksandra Kowalczyk on her birthday  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marian (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)

Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.